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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of three months to and including December 13, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated June 13, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the \$950.00 large entity fee for a three month extension of time from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP Deposit Account 01-2508/13240.0004.NPUS00/BNT.

Extension of Time

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